

Good Evening Snowden Farm Families,

We had a wonderful week at school!

Our Stallion Meet-up was a great success as we celebrated Veterans Day and recognized students for being studious, synergistic, and safe. We also appreciate the families who joined us for the Federal Workers Dinner at Hallie Wells. Thank you for your support and partnership.

In addition, we are grateful to everyone who came out for Grandparent/Special Friend Day at the Book Fair on Thursday and Friday morning. A huge thank-you to all of the volunteers whose time and effort made the Book Fair possible. We truly appreciate our amazing school community!

We are looking to celebrate our staff for Thanksgiving. Please help us get provide a dessert for each staff member to take home with them for the break,

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084DABAB2FA4F94-60559581-its>

Check out [November's Enrichment Choice Board here](#) for family enrichment opportunities!

New: Friendsgiving Parties are Coming!

We are excited to welcome caregivers to our upcoming Friendsgiving celebrations! To ensure enough space in classrooms, we kindly ask that each student have no more than **two caregivers and/or parents** and that **no non-school-aged children** join the event.

Please remember that **all caregivers and/or parents must bring a photo ID** to check in at the main office and receive a visitor badge before entering classrooms.

- 11/20- 2nd Grade Friendsgiving Party- 1:30 – 2:15
- 11/21
 - 1st Grade Friendsgiving party from 1:30-2:30 pm
 - 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Friendsgiving party from 2:30-3:15 pm
- 11/25- Kindergarten Fall Party at 11:45-12:30

New: Federal Impact Aid Surveys due 11/21

Green **Federal Impact Aid Survey** sheets were distributed this week for students to take home. The surveys are due back to homeroom teachers by **Friday, November 21**. They should be completed, signed, and returned by all families, even if you are not a military or civilian federal worker.

New: From the Cluster PTA on the Boundary Study

MCPS will hold a **boundary study and programs analysis community engagement session at Clarksburg HS on November 18 @ 7p.m.** This is an important opportunity for the Boyds, Clarksburg, Damascus, Germantown, and Poolesville communities to learn, ask questions, and share your voices. These proposed changes will have broad impacts on where students attend school. All are encouraged to come to the engagement session. Spanish interpretation and American Sign Language support will be available.

Updated: Book Fair Information and Volunteers are NEEDED

We have two days left of the Fall Book Fair! If you find yourself with some free time this Monday or Tuesday, we'd welcome any last minute [volunteers](#). There will be **one final late night sales** taking place tomorrow from 5-7pm before the Book Fair closes on Tuesday evening (5pm). Please stop by to get your final items!

- If you would like to create an Ewallet account to provide money for your child to purchase items from the Book Fair, please create a profile at the Scholastic website [here](#).
- For those that have signed up for Ewallets in the past, remaining funds do not automatically move over from fair to fair. You need to log into your account and manually move those funds over to this Book Fair.

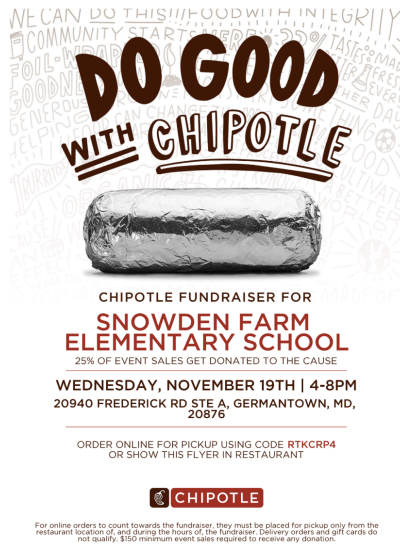
Fall Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up soon! This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, celebrate their progress, and discuss goals for the next quarter. Please be sure to sign up for a conference time using the link shared by your child's teacher. We look forward to partnering with you to support your child's continued growth and success!

- [📅 Links for Conference Sign-up for 2025- 2026](#)
- Helpful hints for [Parent-Teacher Conferences](#)

5th Grade Fundraisers

We hope that you will consider supporting the Snowden Farm Fifth Grade Class of 2026 by choosing to eat dinner at the **Germantown Chipotle on Wednesday, November 19 from 4-8pm**. A portion of the sales from this fundraiser will go towards the 5th grade end of year promotion and celebration activities. Be sure to let your cashier know that you are supporting Snowden Farm Elementary.



Additionally, we are also holding a school-wide **Double Good Fundraiser from November 18th- November 22nd**. Please use the QR code to place an order quickly and easily. This fundraiser was very successful last year, and we hope to have just as much success this year. Feel free to share this flyer with your neighbors, friends, coworkers, and extended family members.



On behalf of 5th grade, we thank you in advance for your support by participating in either or both of these upcoming fundraisers.

SFES Heritage Night "Around the World in One Night" on 12/17

We are excited to invite our school community to celebrate the incredible diversity that makes our families so special! Heritage Night is an annual tradition where families host tables that highlight their culture, traditions, and heritage.

Please check out the signup genius to indicate whether your family/student would like to...

Do a Cultural Dance/Instrumental Performance 🦺 🥁

- 3-5 minute MAX dance/musical performance that REPRESENTS your culture

Host a table display of your culture:

- Traditional foods or recipes 🍲 (add a card with a list of main ingredients)
- Clothing 👗
- Photos, artifacts, crafts, or games 🎨
- Fun facts about your country or region 🌍

Heritage Night Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA9AF2EA1F8C43-59548611-sfes>

Stallion Pride Sweatshirts

We have a new sweatshirt available in both Youth and Adult Sizes! They are all sport grey. Looking forward to seeing everyone showing their Stallion Pride!

- Available for pre-order until November 21, 2025. Sweatshirts will be delivered before Winter Break.
- <https://sfpta.membershiptoolkit.com/store/20329>

Join the PTA

Join the PTA to become an integral part of your child's elementary school experience.

- Fill out the membership form online,
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc98gaet2hNbdVBLPQMYyjdDemfgWNSvYCWmhazRDuDsSE-8w/viewform?usp=preview>
- Pay Dues
 - Pay online via Zelle: treasurer@sfespta.org
 - Individual Membership \$20
 - Family Membership \$40
 - Staff Membership \$15

New: Important Information from MCPS

New: Programs Analysis and Regions Models — Why This Work Matters — and Why It Can't Wait

MCPS is committed to ensuring that every student in every community has access to high-quality academic programs that match their interests and ambitions, without barriers of distance or opportunity. The ongoing Secondary Programs Analysis and proposed Regions Models are important steps toward a more equitable system. It's a collaborative effort built with the input of students, staff and families through open conversations and community sessions.

- [Read more.](#)

New: Now You Know Video: Report Cards

Report cards are now available in [ParentVUE](#). Take a few minutes to review your child's progress so far. It's a great opportunity to celebrate their successes and talk together about areas where they can keep growing.

- Watch in [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [French](#) | [Chinese](#) | [Vietnamese](#) | [Amharic](#) | [Korean](#) | [Portuguese](#)

New: Thanksgiving Week Schedule and Attendance

A reminder that schools will release students early on Monday, Nov. 24, and Tuesday, Nov. 25. It is important for students to attend school on these days and complete their work to stay on track before the holiday break.

- Schools and offices will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 26, through Friday, Nov. 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- For a full list of important dates and to stay up to date with the school calendar, visit the [MCPS School Calendar](#).

New: Montgomery County Thanksgiving Parade Is Looking for Volunteers!

Who doesn't love a parade?

The annual [Montgomery County Thanksgiving Parade](#) will be held starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22. The parade features marching bands, lively dance troupes, floats, fire trucks and fun inflatables. The route starts at Ellsworth Drive and Fenton Street in downtown Silver

Spring, heads south on Georgia Avenue and ends at Silver Spring Avenue. The parade will be held rain or shine.

The parade is looking for volunteers, who will dress in costume, serve as unit leaders, and be inflatable and balloon handlers. The hours for volunteers are from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (volunteers need to be present the entire six hours). Students 13 years old and older can receive Student Service Learning (SSL) hours for participating. Register as a parade volunteer [here](#).

Additional Information

- [Annual MCPS Pest Management Notice](#)
- [Annual MCPS Asbestos Notice](#)
- [At-Home Student Device Request](#)
- [Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation Reporting](#)
- Food Assistance: Call Manna's main office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm, at (301) 424-1130.
- [Menus - Department of Food & Nutrition Services - Montgomery County Public Schools, Rockville, MD](#)
- School Cash Online- <https://mcpsmd.schoolcashonline.com/>
- Maryland Anonymous Tip Line - 1-833-632-7233- Report threats or situations that put your safety, or others' safety, at risk.
- In Case You Missed It:
 - [Refrigerator Curriculum](#): See what your children will be learning each marking period.
 - [Register for Saturday School](#). The tutoring sessions are available to students in K–12 in math and English/Language Arts and have in-person and virtual options.
 - MCPS welcomes volunteers! [Here's how to do it](#).
- More MCPS Resources
 - [School calendar](#)
 - [Parent resource page](#)
 - [Remind, ParentSquare, ParentVUE](#): What's the difference?
 - [Student Code of Conduct](#): [Read the revised document](#) and [watch the video](#).

Upcoming Important Dates

- 11/17- Fall Book Fair (PTA)
- 11/18-Fall Book Fair (PTA) and Double Good 5th Grade Fundraiser

- 11/19- 2nd Grade to Strathmore/ Double Good 5th Grade Fundraiser, and 5th Grade Chipotle fundraiser
- 11/20- 2nd Grade Friendsgiving Party- 1:30 – 2:15 and Double Good 5th Grade Fundraiser
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Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a safe and caring school environment for all students.

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Michelle Fortune, Principal